

Dear Public Health, Safety and Welfare Committee Members,

My name is Mark Shimabukuro, I am a teacher at local high school. I am writing in support of Bill 6 (2017) to ban the use of electronic devices while crossing a street. I am also asking that your committee and the Honolulu City Council also support this measure as well.

Every day, I witness students at my school crossing the street while texting or listening to music. These students are putting themselves at a higher risk for potential injuries all because they are being distracted by their devices.

In Hawaii and across the United States the use of electronic devices while crossing a street has lead to an increase in pedestrian accidents. Today, teenagers make up the highest at – risk group for injuries due to distracted walking. These devices have caused such a distraction that other states such as Arkansas, California, New Jersey, and New York are considering similar measures.

I believe that Bill 6 (2017) will reduce injuries by educating pedestrians about the dangers of distracted walking. Pedestrians need to be aware that it is also their responsibility to look both ways before they cross a street.

Thank you for your time and interest,

Sincerely,



Mark Shimabukuro

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